

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Peter Medley on 11/21/2009. The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

In claim 14, line 1, change "claim 13" to --"claim 11"--.

In claims 16, 17 and 18, line 1, change "claim 15" to --"claim 11"--.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 11, 12, 14 and 16-20** are allowable. The restriction requirement among groups of species, as set forth in the Office action mailed on **04/13/2009**, has been reconsidered in view of the allowability of claims to the elected invention pursuant to MPEP § 821.04(a). **The restriction requirement is hereby withdrawn as to any claim that requires all the limitations of an allowable claim. Claim 17**, directed to non-elected species no longer withdrawn from consideration because the claim(s) requires all the limitations of an allowable claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement, applicant is advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application.

Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Prior art fails to teach the following claim limitation : **"A display system, which includes a display device and an input device, the input device being provided on a display section of the display device and having one or more conductive thin plates and being arranged to detect a position via which information is inputted from outside, said display system comprising: a display device driving section arranged to drive the display device; a signal application section arranged to apply, to the device having the one or more conductive thin plates, a noise canceling signal having an amplitude and a phase that are equal with an amplitude and a phase of a driving signal applied from the display device driving section to the display device; an input device control section to which a detection signal is applied, the detection signal being arranged to detect a position via which information is inputted from outside to the conductive thin plate; and a signal switching section arranged to**

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select either the noise canceling signal or the detection signal so as to input the selected signal to the conductive thin plate”.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PREMAL PATEL whose telephone number is (571)270-5892. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 6:30 to 4:00, with every other Friday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, Amare Mengistu can be reached on (571)272-7674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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